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April 27, 2021

The Honorable Rosa L. DeLauro Chair House Appropriations Committee H-307, The Capitol Washington, DC 20515 The Honorable Kay Granger Ranking Member House Appropriations Committee 1036 Longworth House Office Building Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting \$10,125,000 of funding for Shoshone Bannock Fire Station project in the FY22 Agriculture Appropriations bill.

The project sponsor for this project is Shoshone Bannock Tribe and the project is located at P.O. Box 306, Fort Hall, ID 83203.

The funding is designated to addresses the inadequate facility needs of the Fort Hall Fire Department and EMS operations. Current Facilities rely on antiquated equipment, decrepit structures, failing infrastructure and poor location and access. The project proposed provides a service level that meets the recommendations of the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA), will raise the International Service Office (ISO) rating of the Fort Hall Fire Department on the Fort Hall Indian Reservation, will integrate Tribal Office of Emergency Management (TOEM) to provide services and relief for disasters, and provide an essential community facility to protect and encourage the Shoshone-Bannock Tribes self-determination.

The project is an appropriate use of taxpayer dollars and will provide high quality essential emergency and essential services, to protect the lives and property of Reservation residents, employees, and visitors, as well as the surrounding communities.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

Mike Simpson April 27, 2021